

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments and following comments is courteously solicited.

Initially, the undersigned wishes to acknowledge the allowance of apparatus claims 1 and 3.

With regard to the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 raised by the Examiner against independent method claim 4, Applicants by the instant amendment have amended the final limitation of claim 4 so as to overcome said rejections. Accordingly, it is believed that claim 4 complies with the formal requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, both first and second paragraphs, and is now in condition for allowance.

The early issuance of a formal notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

If any fees are required in connection with this case, it

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is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit
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